

REMARKS

The Office examined claims 1-11 and rejected same. With this paper, claims 2 and 7 are canceled, and others of the claims are amended. Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-11 remain in the application.

Drawing amendment

A drawing amendment is provided correcting an error in the drawing. An arrow on the data flow indicated as "Request Message" 42a is wrong in the figure as filed. The proposed drawing amendment corrects the error by reversing the direction of the arrow, so that the message is now indicated as being sent from the UE 10 to the P-CSCF 12a. Support for the correction is at page 8, ll. 11-12.

Changes to the claims

Using a limitation originally recited in both claims 3 and 8, both claims 1 and 6 are now changed to recite that a UE sends to an SIP outbound proxy server a register message as the request message. Next, relying on the application at page 8, ll. 10-11 (and ll. 14-15), claims 1 and 6 are changed to recite "analyz[ing] a response message received from the SIP outbound proxy server to determine an allowed form of compression," in place of "analyz[ing] a response message received from the SIP outbound proxy server to determine a compression parameter."

Thus, both claims 1 and 6 now recite that the UE sends a register message to an SIP outbound proxy server, then analyzes a response message received from the SIP outbound proxy server to determine an allowed form of compression for use in compressing messages it sends to the SIP outbound proxy server.

Rejection of claims 1 and 6

At section 3 of the Office action, claims 1 and 6 (as well as others) are rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by G. Camarillo (RFC 3486 dated February 2003).

The independent claims are claims 1 and 6.

Applicant respectfully submits that Camarillo does not disclose the invention as in claims 1 and 6 amended here to limit the request message to a register message.

Section 12 of the Office action does argue that Bergenlid et al. (US 2003/0156578) discloses a user terminal sending a register message to an IMS, and the IMS responding with a SIP 401 Unauthorized message, if the user is not registered (and including a challenge). The Office action then asserts that it would have been obvious to modify the teachings of Camarillo according to the teachings of Bergenlid to use a register message as the request message, arguing that "such methods were conventionally employed in the art to allow the system to detect, challenge and identify authorized/ unauthorized subscribers ... before initiating a communications session." Applicant respectfully submits that although the use of a register message and the above-noted response is well-known, what is not taught or suggested by either Bergenlid or Camarillo is a UE examining a response to a register message in order to determine what compression technique is supported by an SIP outbound proxy, as recited in claim 1. Applicant does not see in the cited references any suggestion or teaching of a UE examining a register message instead of an options request message (as taught by Camarillo) in order to determine a compression technique supported by the SIP outbound proxy server.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 USC §102 of claim 1 and 6 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections of the other claims

The other claims are rejected under either 35 USC §102 or §103.

In view of the dependencies of the other claims, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the other claims under either 35 USC §102 or §103 also be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons it is believed that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited. Applicant's attorney urges the Examiner to call to discuss the present response if anything in the present response is unclear or unpersuasive.

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